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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: TCI- DEVELOPMENT OF TELEPHONE SYSTEM

1. U.S. COMPANY, ATLANTIC BUILDING SYSTEMS INC, 9D(ABS) HAS BEEN APPROACHED IN TWO INSTANCES TO SUBCONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF EXCHANGE BUILDINGS FOR TELEPHONE SYSTEM REQUIRING ADDITIONAL RURAL, TOWN, AND CITY EXCHANGES. TWO APPROACHES WERE BY U.S. CONTRACTORS AND BOTH DESCRIBESDD IT AS TCI PROJECT. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER PROJECTS ARE ONE AND THE SAME. ONE SPECIFIED THAT REQUIREMENT WAS FOR 400 DIFFERENT EXCHANGES; OTHER PROJECT WAS TO HELP INCREASE IRAN TELEPHONE CAPACITY BY TWO MILLION LINES BY 1978.

2. ABS WOULD LIKE CLARIFICATION AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFO EMBASSY CAN DEVELOP, INCLUDING NAMES OF U.S. CONTRACTORS INVITED TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS. IN AT LEAST ONE INSTANCE, DIRECTORATE OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, TCI, TEHRAN, WAS IN CHARGE OF PROJECT.

3. ACCORDING ABS SOURCES QUOTE TIME IS CRITICAL UNQUOTE THOUGH NO DEADLINE DATE GIVEN. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY RESPONSE SOONEST. INGERSOLL

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